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- "(5) MOVEMENT OUTSIDE SERVICE AREA.—In the a health insurance issuer that offers health coverage insurance in the market through a network plan, there is lonaer any enrollee in connection with such plan who lives. resides. or works in the service area of the issuer (or in the area is authorized for which the issuer do business) and. in the case of the small group market, the issuer would denv enrollment with respect to such plan under section
- "(6) ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CEASES.— In the health insurance coverage that is made available in small or large group market (as the case may be) only through or more bona fide associations, the membership of an employer in the association (on the basis of which the coverage nrovided) ceases but only if such coverage is terminated under this paragraph uniformly without regard to anv health statusrelated factor relating to any covered individual. (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIFORM TERMINATION OF COV-
- ERAGE. (1) PARTICULAR TYPE OF COVERAGE NOT OFFERED any In case in which an issuer decides to discontinue offerina particular type of group health insurance coverage offered in small or large group market, coverage of such tvne mav he discontinued by the issuer in accordance wit.h State applicable law in such market only if —

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"(A) the issuer provides notice to each plan sponsor provided coverage of this type in such market (and participants and beneficiaries covered under such coverage) of such discontinuation at least 90 days prior to the date of the discontinuation of such coverage:

"(B) the issuer offers to each plan sponsor provided coverage of this type in such market, the option to purchase all (or, in the case of the large group market, any) other health insurance coverage currently being offered by the issuer to a group health plan in such market; and

and
"(C) in exercising the option to discontinue coverage of this type and in offering the option of coverage under

subparagraph (B). the issuer acts uniformly without regard to the claims experience of those sponsors or health anv status-related factor relating anv participants or heneficiaries covered or new participants or beneficiaries who may become eligible for such coverage.

"(2) DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL COVERAGE.

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"(A) IN GENERAL. In any case in which a health insurance issuer elects to discontinue offering all health insurance coverage in the small group market or the group market. or both markets in a State health insurance coverage may be discontinued by the issuer only in accordance with applicable State law and if

(i) the issuer provides notice to the annlicable State authority and to each plan sponsor pants and beneficiaries covered under such coverage) of such discontinuation at least 180 days prior to the of discontinuation of date the such

coverage: and
(ii) all health insurance issued or
delivered for
issuance in the State in such market (or
markets)
are discontinued and coverage under such

health insur-